

Extracts from the 31 December 1827 Census of Upper Prospect

The 1827 census of Upper Prospect shows the population as consisting of 44 families made up of:

- 150 males exclusive of labourers or servants
- 106 females exclusive of servants
- 35 hired labourers or male servants employed
- 11 female servants
- 302 Total number of Souls in the families

Of the 44 families, all gave their occupation as "fisheries" with the exception of Patrick Purcell, Senior, who gave his as "agriculture" and Patrick Mara who gave his as "manufacture". As well, all gave their religion as Roman Catholic.

During the year ending 30 September , there were 12 births, 1 marriage and 2 deaths. The land under cultivation, which was farmed by 25 of the families, consisted of 219 acres, all below 20 acres in size, except for Patrick Purcell who farmed 100 acres. Produce produced consisted of 2 bushels of wheat, 196 bushels of other grains, 73 tons of hay and 4380 bushels of potatoes. Stock belonging to the families consisted of 8 horses, 68 horned cattle, 47 sheep, and 68 swine.

Names of the Masters or Heads of the Families

Table 1: Names from 1827 census

Cornelius O'Neal	Michael Mullins
John Christian	William Sutherland
John Cooling	Peter Gowen ?
William Cole	Michael Dadden
James Duggan	Samuel Hardiman
Patrick Duggan	Michael Londrigan
Dennis Noonan	James Power
John Noonan	John Cavanah
Patrick Purcell Senior	Thomas Duggan
Patrick Purcell Junior	Michael Duggan
John McGrath	Michael Ryan Senior
John Power	William Mullins
John Brennan	James Mieham
John Gaule ?	Edward Walsh

Patrick Mara	Samuel Martin
James Hearn	John Doyle
Samuel White	William Coolen
Thomas McDaniel	John Duggan
Joseph Coolen	Francis Keiley
Edward Saul	Daniel Cahill
Timothy Saul	James Shea
Francis Saul	
John Buchannan	

The names in the census are listed in the order shown as they were most likely enumerated in a logical manner by the census taker. Thus, their order may be of some assistance to researchers in locating families on a particular grant, piece of property, etc.

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